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## Letter dated 25 April 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 19 April 2016 from the President of the Central African Republic, Faustin Archange Touadera (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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## Annex

### Letter dated 19 April 2016 from the President of the Central African Republic to the Secretary-General

[Original: French]

In a letter dated 9 April 2014, the Head of State of the Transition of the Central African Republic, Catherine Samba-Panza, concerned by the level of violence affecting the people of our country, had requested the Security Council to ensure that the peacekeeping mission that it was planning to establish could take urgent temporary measures, at her Government's request, and on the basis of a mutual agreement with the United Nations, as set forth in a letter of agreement, to maintain security and the rule of law.

On the basis of that request from the authorities of the Central African Republic, the Security Council, through its resolutions 2149 (2014) and 2217 (2015), requested the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) to adopt, within the limits of its capacities and areas of deployment, at the formal request of the Transitional Authorities and in areas where national security forces are not present or operational, urgent temporary measures on an exceptional basis, which are limited in scope, time-bound and consistent with the priority tasks of the protection of civilians, the implementation of the transition process, the extension of State authority, the preservation of territorial integrity, the delivery of humanitarian assistance, the protection of United Nations personnel and goods, and the promotion and protection of human rights, for the purpose of carrying out arrests and detentions, in order to maintain basic law and order and fight impunity.

By virtue of these urgent temporary measures, MINUSCA has contributed to reducing violence and disorder in the Central African Republic. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the leaders and the various components of MINUSCA for the remarkable efforts they have made and the results they have achieved.

I wish to reiterate my gratitude to you and to the Security Council for having understood the suffering of the people of the Central African Republic and for being willing to respond appropriately.

The transition is now complete following the election and establishment of a Government that enjoys popular legitimacy. However, the security situation in the Central African Republic remains precarious and volatile. There continues to be a risk of grave violations of human rights owing to the occupation of a large part of the country's territory by armed groups, and to the difficulties stemming from the redeployment of the internal security forces and the judicial and prison authorities. In some regions where those authorities are present, their numbers, the security situation and the working conditions do not enable them to be operational. I cannot, therefore, affirm that the circumstances that led to the decision taken by the Head of State of the Transition have disappeared. Real threats remain and many people in the country would no longer have protection if MINUSCA immediately lifted the urgent temporary measures.

I would also like to request the Security Council to authorize MINUSCA to adopt, within the limits of its capacities and areas of deployment, in areas where national security forces or judicial authorities are not present or operational, urgent

temporary measures on an exceptional basis, which are limited in scope, time-bound and consistent with the priority tasks of the protection of civilians, the extension of State authority, the preservation of territorial integrity, the delivery of humanitarian assistance, the protection of United Nations personnel and goods, and the promotion and protection of human rights, for the purpose of carrying out arrests and detentions, in order to maintain basic law and order and fight impunity.

I should be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Faustin Archange **Touadera**